

The Guam Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that the December 2005 unemployment rate was 7.0 percent, a decrease of 0.7 percentage points from the 7.7 percent reported in March 2004. In December 2005, the number of people employed reached 59,630, an increase of 2,820 from the previous results. Of the total employed, the U.S. citizen category showed an increase of 2,840 from the March 2004 report of 43,530 to 46,370 in December 2005.

The total number of people unemployed in December 2005 was 4,500, a decrease of 210 from the previous survey in March 2004 of 4,710 unemployed. The unemployment rate for many of the reported categories in Table 1 declined.

The persons not in the labor force, who were persons not employed and not actively looking for work, numbered 40,850, an increase of 2,590 from the prior survey.

Of the persons not in the labor force, 6,450 desired to work but did not search for employment during the reference period for reasons presented in Table 2.

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